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## **Special Programs offered at the Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East) include:**

**January 1, 8, 22 & 29**                      **5:00 p.m.**            **Sunset Stroll**    *½ mile hike*

Join a park ranger for a stroll up Tanque Verde Ridge to enjoy a Sonoran Desert sunset. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water.

**Jan. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28**    **10:00 a.m.**            **Sonoran Lifestyles**    *1 mile walk*

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**                      **2:00 p.m.**            **Yesterday, Today ...and Saguaro?**    *short walk*

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk.

**January 5, 12 & 26**                              **3:00 p.m.**            **People and Places of Saguaro's Past**    *Illustrated Talk*

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the visitor center auditorium for this photo tour of the park's historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

**January 6**                                              **7:00 p.m.**            **Star Party**

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5153. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

**January 7, 14, 21 & 28**                              **9:00 a.m.**            **Desert Bird Walk**    *easy hike*

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**January 8**                                              **2:00 p.m.**            **Death by Fire**    *Illustrated Talk*

NPS Fire Ecologist Perry Grissom helps the park's ecosystems keep their natural fire regimes. In the desert portions, that means keeping fire out, as well as non-native plants that can spread fire in the park. He will discuss buffelgrass's impact on the Sonoran Desert's plants, animals and human residents. Learn the results of recent research into fire behavior in buffelgrass. *Program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

**January 14 & 28**                                      **7:00 p.m.**            **Night Walk**    *1 mile Hike*

Join a park naturalist for this easy 2-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, Reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5153.

## **Daily Programs**

The park's two districts offer additional daily interpretive programs not listed here. Contact either of our visitor centers for updated schedules, or visit our website online at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>.

## **Visitor Center Locations/Phone Numbers**

Both visitor centers are open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day.

Red Hills Visitor Center (Saguaro WEST)  
2700 North Kinney Road  
Tucson, AZ 85743

(520) 733-5158

Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (Saguaro EAST)  
3693 South Old Spanish Trail  
Tucson, AZ 85730

(520) 733-5153

For more information about Saguaro National Park and some of its partners, Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Parks Association, and the Rincon Institute, visit these websites:

[www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu)  
[www.friendsofsaguaro.org](http://www.friendsofsaguaro.org)

[www.wnpa.org](http://www.wnpa.org)  
[www.rinconinstitute.org](http://www.rinconinstitute.org)